(*b*) Because, under the Royal Proclamation (Act I of 1113), the University has been constituted not as part of the Government machinery, but as an autonomous corporation and invested with certain powers, including powers of appointment under the Act and the Statutes framed thereunder and approved by Government.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*). The University is, however, following, as far as possible, the general principles accepted by Government in the matter of recruitment, including the principle of communal representation consistently with the paramount claims of academic distinction and efficiency.

*Machinery got down for the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme.*

146. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the dynamo or any other machinery got down for the Pallivasal Hydro-electric Scheme was over-turned in the process of unloading from the railway carriage and that it is lying in the Railway compound at Alwaye ;

(*b*) if so, what that machinery is and what is the damage caused to it ;

(*c*) Whether a contract has been given for transmitting it to Pallivasal and, if so, to whom the contract was given ;

(*d*) if the incident mentioned above has happened, the price of that machinery, the loss incurred thereby, whether there is any one other than the Government to account for that loss and if so who that person is ; and

(*e*) on whose supervision this machinery was unloaded and the cause of the falling down of the machinery ?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON (*Electrical Engineer to Government*) :

(*a*) No. The machinery was overturned during transport. It is lying at the 66 K. V. Sub-station premises at Alwaye.

(*b*) It is the transformer for the third generating set at Pallivasal. The damage can be ascertained only on testing.

(*c*) No contract was given for transporting alone. Messrs Volkart Brothers were given contract for the supply, transport and erection of the machinery at site.

(*d*) The price of the machinery including transport and erection charges is approximately Rs. 33,700. Government incur no loss on this account. Government have no information whether any other person has sustained loss or what it is.

(*e*) On the supervision of the suppliers. The cause of falling was due to the slipping of the earth beneath the trailor.

*Travancore State Congress.*

147. *MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether as representatives of the Travancore State Congress, Messrs Pattom Thanu Pillai, T. M. Varughese and V. K. Velayudhan have written to the Dewan requesting an interview with him ;



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